

Official Smartness.

It is usual, when any supplies are required or any service is to be performed for the government, to advertise for proposals. Common sense, and a desire to forward the interests of the government, would suggest that such an advertisement should be made in a paper having circulation where competition might be expected.

THE MATTER WITH HANNAH.—A member of the medical profession in Pittsburgh has given the following lucid description of the cause of the death of Louis Saul, the wife poisoner: "The dentiform process and body of the second vertebra, were detached from the bony ring, but still connected as usual with the anterior arch of the first vertebra, rupturing the posterior occipito-aldoid ligaments—the odontoid or cheek ligament is short, the whole posterior apparatus ligamentous colli, throwing the odontoid process backward on the spinal cord, luxating, but not fracturing the bony odontoid process."

To a man up a tree it might seem as if the wretch got his neck broke by the Sheriff.

TROUBLE IN OROVILLE.—We are informed by a gentleman from Oroville that negotiations by the Central Pacific Railroad Company for the purchase of the Marysville and Oroville road having failed, they have commenced a final survey of a road from Marysville, to Chico, and are to commence its construction at once.

HORSE TRAINING.—Professor Castleman will give an exhibition in horse training this afternoon at 2 o'clock. He claims that his system is superior to that of "Raney" and promises to subdue the most vicious or intractable horse that can be brought to him.

COMMISSION RECEIVED.—Hon O. Jacobs has received his commission as Associate Justice of Washington Territory, and has taken his oath of office which will be certified to by the Secretary of State, and then forwarded to the State Department at Washington.

RETURNED.—Mr. Add Helms has just returned from a trip to the lower Klamath. He reports that Jack Paw-paw is working a rich mining claim below Orleans Bar.

FOURTH OF JULY.—The Ashland, Phoenix and Wagner Creek folks will join in a big celebration of the "Fourth" at the latter place. W. J. Stanley is to be the orator, and a grand cold water jollification is anticipated.

The Portland Commercial is engaged in two very difficult tasks—teaching the Herald grammar and the Democratic City Council, honesty. It is working with will and spirit, but with a poor prospect of success.

Who to Refer Claims Against the Treasury To.

We are often asked by persons having claims against the United States Government, to whom or to what officer those claims should be sent to be audited. The following information will be found useful:

There are five Auditors in the Treasury Department, and it is the duty of these officers to audit all claims held against the United States.

It is the duty of the First Auditor to receive all accounts accruing in the Treasury Department, proper, and after examination, to certify the balance and transmit the accounts, with the vouchers and certificate to the First Comptroller, for his decision thereon.

The Second Auditor is to receive all accounts relative to the pay and clothing of the army, the subsistence of officers, bounties and premiums, military and hospital stores, and the contingent expenses of the War Department, to examine the same and certify the balance and transmit the accounts, with vouchers and certificates to the Second Comptroller for his decision thereon.

The Third Auditor is to receive, certify and transmit, in like manner, all accounts relative to the subsistence of the Army, the Quartermaster's Department, and generally, all accounts of the War Department, other than those provided for above.

The Fourth Auditor is in like manner to receive, certify and transmit all accounts accruing in the Navy Department, or relative thereto.

The Fifth Auditor is to receive all accounts accruing in, or relative to the Department of State, the General Post Office, and those arising out of Indian Affairs, and examine the same, and thereafter certify the balance, and transmit the accounts with the vouchers and certificates to the First Comptroller, for his decision thereon.

There is now, we believe an Auditor of the Post Office Department, and all the duties of the Fifth Auditor, pertaining to the General Post Office should be addressed to him.

Mailing Foreign Letters.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF FOREIGN MAIL, Washington, April 27, 1860.

SIR—I have to request that you will please insert in the May number of the U. S. MAIL the following notice for the information of persons mailing letters to Russia for transmission in the mails to the North German Union:

HOW LETTERS TO RUSSIA SHOULD BE ADDRESSED.

The General Post Office at Berlin has called attention to the circumstance that letters are frequently received in the mails from the United States to North Germany for despatch to Russia, on which the place of destination is expressed in Russian characters, and the locality not clearly indicated, and a request is made that the public in the United States be informed that when on letters for Russia the place of destination is expressed in Russian characters it is recommended that the sender add the same in German, French or English, as the Russian characters are not sufficiently known in the North German post offices.

Very respectfully, JOSEPH H. BLACKFEAN, Superintendent Foreign Mails.

J. GAYLER, Esq., Editor U. S. Mail.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On Monday evening a miner, named Henry Feilzinger, was discovered dead in his claim on Harris gulch a short distance from Willow Springs. The deceased had been working all alone in a low drift, and had apparently been caved on when coming out from the drift. It was thought that the unfortunate man had been dead several days. The faithful dog of the poor fellow was watching a few feet from the body, having scraped out a bed in the soft ground, and was almost starving with hunger, probably never having left the corpse to seek food.

INCREASE OF POPULATION.—We have been crying population! population! and behold, two of the matrons of Jackson county, have within two days added four more to the census list. Wood for Jackson county and all the parties and the babies besides.

CHRISTIANITY IN SIAM.—The number of native christians in Siam is less than three to each missionary; the missionaries call for prayers to help them but as the Siamese seem joined to their idols, better let them alone and work among the Oregon heathens.

For a fine cigar go to Caro's or U'lmons. Nothing in the shape of cabbage leaves are kept at either of their establishments.

County Surveying.

The following letter from Judge Duncan explains the matter of the county surveying. In our reference last week, we had no intention of detracting from the merits of Messrs Lindly or Meyer, but considered they were under no pecuniary responsibility, not having given any bonds. We hope the explanation will be satisfactory to all parties:

JACKSONVILLE MAY 27, 1860.

MR. EDITOR.—A paragraph in your last week's paper, under the head of "No County Surveyor," demands a short notice from me—both as I am to notice such things—to which I hope in justice you will give place.

In the latter part of the paragraph you say "when any work is to be done it is let to irresponsible parties at a lower price than that allowed by law."

Now, Mr. Editor, you should not have suffered yourself to be misled in making such a statement, without enquiring a little more into the facts.

On page 892 of the Code you will see that the County Surveyor is allowed four dollars per day for "every day necessarily employed in surveying roads and making out the plats." He is also allowed ten cents per mile travelling to and returning from place of survey. If Mr. Howard will work for these legal fees, the county court, I believe, would not think of employing any one else; but when, as he has done in every case heretofore, he charges the county seven dollars per day, and all expenses paid besides, equal to from eight to nine dollars per day, he should not complain if the County Court passing over the remedy provided in section 14, same page of Code, simply employs other and competent surveyors to survey the roads at a considerable less price than he says he can afford to do it for.

I leave it to those who are acquainted with Mr. Lindley and Mr. Meyer to say whether they are responsible or "irresponsible" when acting under the oath the law requires them to take. As to your saying "County Judge" instead of County Court, I suppose it is owing to a misapprehension of the fact that when transacting county business, the Court consists of three persons instead of one.

L. J. C. DUNCAN.

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The following is clipped from the Salem Volunteer:

GRAND OFFICERS.—The Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows for Oregon, Washington and Idaho completed the business before it yesterday, and adjourned. The officers for the ensuing year are J. M. Bacon, of Oregon City, Grand Master; Wm. Dierloff, Portland, Deputy Grand Master; Joel Palmer, Dayton, Grand Warden; C. N. Terry, Salem, Grand Secretary; I. R. Moore, Salem, G. Treasurer; A. L. Stinson, Salem, Grand Representative. The appointive officers are P. S. Knight, Salem, Grand Chaplain; F. S. Ostheim, Portland, Grand Marshal; D. M. Thompson, Albany, Grand Conductor;—Shelton, Walla Walla, Grand Guardian; R. C. Geer, Silverton, Herald. The District Deputies are District No. 1 J. W. Miller, 2. Archie Fuqua, 3. A. Holden, 4. J. L. Arzner, 5. N. Fisher, 6. D. M. Thompson, 7. P. Metchau, 8. A. Bonner, 9. J. Lyman, 10. —, 11. C. C. Hewatt, 12. W. M. Shelton, 13. E. Schutz, 14. D. S. Kinsey, 15. F. S. Ostheim, 16. Jas. Riley, 17. A. J. Apperson, 18. —.

PRESENTATION.—Last evening at the Odd Fellows re-union, Dr. Loryca, for the members of the Grand Lodge, presented to P. G. M. Silas J. Day, a fine heavy Howard gold watch and chain, as a token of their personal esteem, and the manner in which he has performed his official duties within the past year. Mr. Day was completely taken by surprise, and so moved was he by this measure of the good will shown him by his co-laborers, that he was only able to acknowledge the compliment, and promise always to try and be worthy of the confidence of his brother Odd Fellows. The watch is one of the finest time keepers made at the Waltham factory, and purchased of Mr. J. H. Haas, of this city for \$225.

The same paper also says that Mr. Day contributed \$250 to the watch fund, under the impression that it was for a poor widow, thus being benefited by his own good deed.

SURGICAL OPERATION.—Alfred B. Haines, a Ranchman residing near the Toll House, on the Yreka road who has been suffering for several years from necrosis of the ulva—on Thursday of this week had his arm subjected to the operation of excision of the bone, which was skillfully performed by Dr. Grube, of this place. The operation was a very severe and tedious one, but was performed while the patient was under the influence of chloroform, and gave him but little or no pain.

Klamath Items—Pilot Rock.

Klamath Agency, May 19, 1860. On the 6th inst., a party of twelve men from Lane county, arrived here on their way to Goose Lake, having been two months on the road from Eugene City to this place. They had much difficulty in crossing the mountains, and were for a long while snowed in near the summit. They report about thirty miles of snow on that route, frequently about eight feet deep. Three of the gentlemen are named Templeton. These men are not often turned back by ordinary obstacles, two of them being the same Templetons that, with two other men, wintered on the head waters of the Deschutes, a year ago last winter in such close proximity with the Snakes. They represent that the web-foot people have a great disposition to travel in the direction of Goose Lake; but if they soon try the higher roads it is probable that many of them will cool their ardor in the snow banks of the Cascades. Twelve hundred head of cattle and innumerable squads of land hunters are said to be in the footsteps of the Messrs. Templeton. Goose Lake is undoubtedly a fine large valley, possessing many natural advantages, but there is not quite enough room for everybody. A part of the people ought to remain a few days and see if they cannot eke out an existence where they are. The new country fever is a fearful contagion, but home prosperity should be a disinfectant, sufficiently effective to deprive it of much of its power.

This morning we are having a fine rain, which follows a showery night. We now feel confident of a good crop. After plants get a good start here little other moisture than our heavy dews is required to keep them growing.

Considerable sickness is now prevalent among the Indian children. Two of them have died within the last few days. Dave Hill, an Indian of considerable note, who lost one of them, is so heart-broken that he is constantly guarded by his relatives, lest he might take his own life. Directly after the sad circumstance Dave was missing for four days, during which time a large portion of the tribe was in the mountains hunting for him. He was finally found in the vicinity of the Klamath Marsh, fasting, having abstained from any food for three or four days. For the present, no more.

KLAMATH AGENCY, MAY 20.—Raining a good shower this morning. Mr. Smith and another gentleman, with their herders, have just arrived from Lane county, with near eight hundred cattle for Sacramento. They go via Goose Lake. They represent that they broke a road through the Cascades, on Pengra's route that can be followed in a dark night. They think the snow on that road will not be troublesome to travelers in a week. We understand this morning that a drove of cattle crossed on the Rogue River road within the last few days—now on Wood River, a few miles north of here.

Fourth of July Celebration.

The following are the proceedings of the meeting held at the Court House on Saturday, the 22d inst:

The meeting was organized by the election of John Bilger Chairman and O. Jacobs Secretary.

The Chairman stated the object of the meeting.

It was moved and carried that the people of this county celebrate in becoming manner the coming Fourth of July.

A Committee of three was appointed by the Chairman to report a general order of business, consisting of W. H. S. Hyde, H. Breitbarth and Herman Holms.

They reported verbally, after a short absence, recommending that a Committee of six be appointed by the Chairman to report at a subsequent meeting on a general order of arrangements. The recommendation was adopted with the exception of the appointment of a Committee at this meeting to secure an Orator, Reader and Chaplain.

The following gentlemen were appointed said Committee of General Arrangements: H. Helms, I. Sachs, J. Neuber, William Fiddler, H. Breitbarth and J. A. Cardwell.

Committee on Speaker, Chaplain and Reader, N. Langel, W. H. S. Hyde and B. F. Dowell.

It was moved and carried that the proceedings of this meeting adjourn to next Saturday, at 2 o'clock p. m.

JOHN BILGER, Chairman. O. JACOBS, Secretary.

Klamath Items—Pilot Rock.

Yesterday Mr. Forrest, of Eugene City, arrived this far on his pilgrimage to Goose Lake. He was preceded on the same day by a company of Lane county people with a wagon, the first that has passed through on the Pengra route this Spring. Mr. Forrest reports now about ten miles of snow, averaging about five feet, though for a portion of the distance eight. A number of wagons, and droves of cattle and sheep are getting through with difficulty. Mr. F. is only six days from Eugene having made extra good time considering the condition of the road. The Goose Lake fever rages in webfoot with unabated fury, and many weary foot-sore pilgrims wend their way towards the promised land.

David Birdsey Esq., from Rogue River, arrived here a few days ago with a drove of horses, bound for John Days River. He remained here a day, employed a guide, and went on his way rejoicing.

Col. Hatton and Maj. Brown, of this Agency, have just returned from a prairie-breaking expedition at the Modoc camp, about twelve miles from this place. The Indians report all quiet there since their departure.

Captain McGregor, and our new Quartermaster, Lieut. Thorburn, of the 23d Infantry, arrived from Jacksonville on Monday last. The new Lieut., who seems an admirable young man, visited us yesterday.

There is a disposition to have a grand picnic or Lake expedition by the Fort and Agency people soon, which may culminate in something worthy of a few drops of ink judiciously arranged on paper.

The Indians are usually healthy and prosperous. They show a growing disposition to emulate the whites in various ways, and now take a lively interest in cultivating the soil. Many of them are engaged in making rails getting out building timbers, and otherwise laboring like civilized people. They are assisted in farming to the full extent of the means at hand.

A few days ago La Lake, the head chief, who has served for about thirty years, was impeached for imbecility and other causes, and arrangements were made to elect a successor according to the principles of republicanism. Accordingly a convention was called, "many spirited and patriotic resolutions" were adopted, and Allan, David and Blow were placed in nomination—Pilot Rock having positively announced his unwillingness to accept a nomination. The campaign now opened in real earnest, public addresses were delivered in various parts of the country, and riding from one village to another for electioneering purposes was such a continuous circumstance that the aggregate amount of horse flesh at the time of the election was probably about half what it was at the commencement of the campaign. The women took a lively interest in the contest, and the result was much fluent language and a vast deal of hair-pulling pastime. At length the great day came, and Allan David, decidedly the best man for the position that could be found among the red skins, was duly chosen as High Chief.

W. C. Myer arrived with his train at Link River, and goes towards sunrise again to-day. His many friends wish him abundant success in his arduous undertaking, and a return to Rogue River in a year or two. Messrs. John P. Walker, F. Walter Myer and Wm. Brown, of Ashland, who accompanied him as far as Link River are now sojourning with us. They are delighted with the appearance of our country.

The report that the Indians on Sprague River made hostile demonstrations towards the Messrs Langel, or other persons, is entirely without foundation; The Indians in that valley were never so disposed to conduct themselves in a becoming manner towards the whites than now.

Klamath Agency, May 9th 1860.

STILL PAYING RICH.—We have been shown some exceedingly rich quartz specimens from the Norfolk and Lodi leads at Cottonwood, which we should judge if crushed and panned out would show at least \$4 or \$5 gold to the pound of rock. The gold is scattered quite liberally throughout a good deal of the rock, and plainly perceptible to the naked eye. The owners of the leads are sanguine of making their fortunes, and could not be induced to name any price to sell for.—Yreka Journal.

FAST TIME.—6 days 17 hours and 28 minutes from New York is the fastest time yet made by a passenger. At the same time a gentleman arrived 18 days only from Paris.

REVOLUTION AT ASHLAND.—Hargadine, the merchant of the flourishing little town of Ashland, intends creating a resolution in the price of merchandise. He has purchased the entire stock of Applegate Bro's., and defies competition. Read his advertisement and profit thereby.

FORT JONES RACES.—There is some fast stock in training here for the races in Siskiyou county, and we would like to see an Oregon horse wipe out the crabs across the line—just once.

NEWSPAPER CHANGE.—John Conmy has sold his interest in the States Courier to Carter, formerly of the Copper City Pioneer. Carter is an enthusiastic Republican and will make the Courier a good paper.

The following list of incomes in Jackson and Josephine counties, taken from the Oregonian of the 22d inst:

Table with columns for names and amounts. Includes entries for Ammerma, IV, Aiden, W. N., Breitbarth, H. A., etc.

BORN.

LYNCH—On May 21st, to the wife of Geo. Lynch, in the Grove, a daughter.

TICE—On May 25th, to the wife of John Tice, a son and daughter.

RADER—May 24th, to the wife of Jackson Rader, of Butte Creek, twin daughters.

DIED.

YOUNG—In Jacksonville, Wednesday, May 20th, Frank Southwick, son of Geo. Hood, Lizzie Young, aged 3 years, 10 months and 2 days, of Membranous Croup.

NEW TO-DAY.

NEW GOODS! NEW GOODS!! AT ASHLAND.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS JUST RETURNED from San Francisco, where he has purchased and is now receiving the largest and best selected stock of Merchandise ever brought to Jacksonville, consisting in part of:

GROCERIES, YANKEE NOTIONS, DRY GOODS, LADIES DRESS GOODS & TRIMMINGS, MEN'S HATS, TOBACCO, HATS & SHOES, TINWARE, HARDWARE, CRACKERY, STATIONARY, CONFECTIONERY, PATENT MEDICINE, OILS, PAINTS, &c., &c.

Which I offer for sale on time, or for country produce, at prices that will defy all competition. Will deduct at least ten per cent on all cash bills.

COME AND TRY ME.

I like to sell Goods cheap, and I now have the name of selling goods cheaper than my House in Jackson county, and will keep my name good if it suits me.

Ashland Woolen Factory (Goods retailed at ten per cent. (for cash) above the Factory wholesale price. B. B. HARGADINE.

OREGON CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY.

Will purchase all their goods at Baum's—the cheapest store in town.

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